

# Parish of Newry

Sunday 26 February 2017  
The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Look at the birds of the air.... Consider the lilies of the field.... Do not worry about tomorrow.” There are people who would consider this New Age, if they didn't know where it came from. For many, the name 'New Age' has become a term of reproach, almost an accusation of heresy – or at the least a soft version of religion: 'Religion Lite'. People who emphasise the beauty of nature, the innate goodness of people, etc., are suspected of avoiding the reality of sin and suffering.

It is true that a spirituality that makes only slight mention or no mention at all of the Cross of Christ could hardly be called Christian. Where there is no affirmation that “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again,” it is hard to see the shape of the Christian faith.

There are two contrasting spiritualities, then. But it would be better to think of them as two sides of the Christian faith, like the two sides of a coin. The God of creation and the God of redemption are one and the same God. It was the same Jesus who said, “Consider the lilies of the field,” and who died on the Cross.

It is important for a Christian to have a positive view of nature – nature all around us, and our own nature. The pollution of land, sea, and air in our generation is evidence that we have neglected and abused the earth. This cannot be consistent with our faith. “And God saw that it was good.” This phrase is repeated six times, like an antiphon, throughout the first chapter of the Book of Genesis. At the end of each day's work of creation, “God saw that it was good” (verses 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25).

And at the end of the entire work, “God saw that it was very good” (verse 31). This is the charter for a healthy-minded lyrical outlook on the natural world (of which we are a part). We are entitled to have an outlook on nature that is religious in its scope and intensity. God is everywhere manifest in nature, because it is his creature. “Every creature speaks God,” said Eckhart. It was commonplace in the Middle Ages to refer to Nature as “God's first book.”

But God's greatness and compassion are revealed even more profoundly in the work of redemption. “Jesus is the hand of God's mercy stretched out towards us,” wrote Leo the Great. We could scarcely have imagined that God was anything like the father of the Prodigal Son, if Jesus had not us invented that parable. And we would certainly not have imagined the depths of God revealed through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Remember, again, that it was this same Jesus who said, “Look at the birds of the air.... Consider the lilies of the field.... Do not worry about tomorrow.”

We are not meant to choose between these two sides of the faith, but to hold them together in fruitful tension.

Fr Donagh O'Shea, O.P.,  
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## Mass Times

### The Cathedral of SS. Patrick & Colman, Hill Street

Sunday Mass Times:  
Saturday Vigil : 6.00pm  
Sunday : 8.30am, 10.00am,  
12 noon, & 5.30pm  
Weekday Mass Times :  
Monday to Friday 8.30am,  
Monday to Saturday  
10.30am.

### St. Brigid's Church, Rooney's Meadow

Saturday Evening  
(Vigil Mass) : 7.00pm  
Sunday : 9.30am  
(Po Polsku)  
Friday : 7.00pm

### St. Mary's Church, Chapel Street

Sunday : 9.00am  
(Latin Mass) & 11.00am  
Tuesday : 7.00pm

### St. Catherine's Church, Dominican Priory, Dominic Street

Saturday Vigil : 7.30pm  
Sunday : 8.00am, 9.30am,  
11.00am & 12.15pm  
Weekday Mass Times :  
Monday to Saturday 7.30am,  
11.00am & 7.30pm

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Cathedral: Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday  
9.00am – 11.00am.  
Thursday 9.00am – 9.00pm  
Sunday 1.00pm – 5.15pm.  
St. Catherine's: Blessed  
Sacrament Chapel each day  
8.00am to 8.00pm.

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

All Baptisms, Marriages and appointments may be arranged by calling the Parish Office. A Priest is available in the Parish Office from Monday to Friday 1.00pm – 2.00pm and in the evening by appointment.

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 17:19-20**

**All: The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.**

## GREETING

**Priest:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

**Priest:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

**Priest:** Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** You came in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

**Priest:** You will come in glory with salvation for your people:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

## THE GLORIA

**All: Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

**Priest:** Let us pray.

*Pause for silent prayer*

**Priest:** Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Congregation Sits*

### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

49:14-15

Zion was saying, 'The Lord has abandoned me, the Lord has forgotten me.'

Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb?

Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.

**All: The word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 61:2-3, 6-9, R v.6

**(R) In God alone is my soul at rest.**

1. In God alone is my soul at rest;  
my help comes from him.  
He alone is my rock, my stronghold,  
my fortress: I stand firm. **(R)**

2. In God alone be at rest, my soul;  
for my hope comes from him.  
He alone is my rock, my stronghold,  
my fortress: I stand firm. **(R)**

3. In God is my safety and glory,  
the rock of my strength.  
Take refuge in God all you people.  
Trust him at all times.  
Pour out your hearts before him. **(R)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 4:1-5

People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. What is expected of stewards is that each one should be found worthy of his trust. Not that it makes the slightest difference to me whether you, or indeed any human tribunal, find me worthy or not. I will not even pass judgement on myself. True, my conscience does not reproach me at all, but that does not prove that I am acquitted; the Lord alone is my judge. There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes: he will light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of men's hearts. Then will be the time for each one to have whatever praise he deserves, from God.

**All: The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation stands*

**ACCLAMATION**

**Jn 17:17**

**All: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in truth.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.  
**All:** **And with your spirit.**  
**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew **6:24-34**  
**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'No one can be a slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

'That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All:** **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Congregation sits*

## HOMILY

*Congregation stands*

## THE CREED

**All:** **I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

*(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')*

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Congregation sits*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

*The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar.*

*The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:*

**Priest:** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**All:** **Blessed be God for ever.**

*The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

**Priest:** By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar and says:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**All:** **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:*

**Priest:** With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

*Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:*

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, almighty Father.

**All:** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Priest:** O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name and count our oblations as signs of our desire to serve you with devotion, we ask of your mercy that what you grant as the source of merit may also help us to attain merit's reward. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**



*Congregation stands*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** **It is right and just.**

### PREFACE (VII in Ordinary Time)

**Priest:** It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you so loved the world  
that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer,  
to live like us in all things but sin,  
so that you might love in us what you loved in your  
Son, by whose obedience we have been restored to  
those gifts of yours  
that, by sinning, we had lost in disobedience.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,  
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

### ACCLAMATION

**All:** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Congregation kneels*

**Priest:** You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
and all you have created  
rightly gives you praise,  
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by the power and working of the Holy spirit,  
you give life to all things and make them holy,  
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,  
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting  
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:  
by the same Spirit graciously make holy  
these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,  
that they may become the Body and + Blood  
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed  
he himself took bread,  
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took the chalice  
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR  
MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

**Priest:** The mystery of faith.

**All:** **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

**Priest:** Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate  
the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son,  
his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into  
heaven, and as we look forward to his second  
coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and  
living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and,  
recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you  
willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we,  
who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your  
Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one  
body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you,  
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,  
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother  
of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse,  
with your blessed Apostles and glorious  
Martyrs with Saint Patrick and with all the Saints,  
on whose constant intercession in your presence we  
rely for un failing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray,  
O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the  
world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your  
pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis  
our Pope and N our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all  
the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for  
your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,  
whom you have summoned before you:  
in your compassion, O merciful Father,  
gather to yourself all your children  
scattered throughout the world.  
To our departed brothers and sisters  
and to all who were pleasing to you  
at their passing from this life,  
give kind admittance to your kingdom.  
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your  
glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you  
bestow on the world all that is good.

**Priest:** Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

**All:** **Amen.**

*Congregation stands*

## THE COMMUNION RITE

**Priest:** At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All:** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**All:** **And with your spirit.**

*The celebrant may add these or similar words.*

**Priest:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All make a sign of peace, according to local custom.*

**Priest:** May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

**All:** **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

*Congregation kneels*

*The celebrant says quietly:*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**Priest:** May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

**Priest:** May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Cf. Ps 12:6*

**All:** **I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, singing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.**

*Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:*

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Congregation kneels*

**Priest:** Let us pray. Nourished by your saving gifts, we beseech your mercy, Lord, that by this same Sacrament with which you feed us in the present age, you may make us partakers of life eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** May God bless you with every heavenly blessing, make you always holy and pure in his sight, pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory, and teach you with the words of truth; may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation, and ever endow you with fraternal charity. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**All:** **Amen**

*Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, says:*

**Priest:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Message from the Administrator**  
**100 Years of Fatima: Centennial Pilgrim Statue to visit Newry Cathedral**

On 11th January 2017, Pope Francis blessed six statues of Our Lady of Fatima with a view to one of them being brought to each of the continents. He views this as an appeal for prayer and reparation for world peace and to promote the sanctity of family life in our world. One of those statues will arrive in Newry Cathedral on Monday 6th March at 12 noon approximately.

All parishioners are invited to come to the Cathedral and pray the Rosary before the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. A plenary indulgence is granted by Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year to those who pray before the statue.

Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday 6th March at 7.30pm followed by a short candle light procession. After the Mass there will be the opportunity for the Diocese to be consecrated to the two hearts of Jesus and Mary. There will also be an opportunity for those who wish to be enrolled in the brown scapular. The Cathedral will remain open until Midnight to give the opportunity for public veneration.

**9.30am Mass in St. Brigid's Church**

From Sunday 26th February, Fr. Krzystoff has agreed that the first reading of the Mass and the Gospel would be read in English & Polish. Parishioners are welcome to come along to this Mass should they wish to attend Mass on Sunday mornings in St. Brigid's Church.

We understand the disappointment of many people in the Meadow area that the 11.30am Mass had to be taken off but with only three priests in the parish it was impossible to cover all Masses. When the numbers attending the weekend Masses was taken there was a total of 240 attending the 11.30am Mass in St. Brigid's on Sunday. On the Saturday evening Mass there were 380 attended.

It is difficult for many parishioners to appreciate fully the many calls on priests' time. We have a number of funerals each week, work in the schools of the parish, visits to the residential homes, consultations with people, meeting with various organisations as well as unexpected calls almost on a daily basis.

Not many years ago there were nine priests in Newry Parish. For a few months we were operating with three priests. We are extremely fortunate to have Fr. Damien Nejad with us until August when he will most likely return to his home diocese of Raphoe. The help of parishioners is needed so that we are able to continue the good work that is happening in Newry Parish, thanks to the generosity of many people. If you think you can help in any way, please do so by contacting the Parish Office.

Canon Francis Brown

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**

**Wednesday 1 March is Ash Wednesday.** It begins the Holy Season of Lent and is a day of **Fast and Abstinence**. Ashes will be distributed during the following Masses.

<b>Cathedral:</b>	8.30am, 10.30am & 1.15pm
<b>St. Brigid's:</b>	7.00pm
<b>St. Catherine's:</b>	7.30am, 11.00am & 7.30pm

**Devotions during Lent in the Cathedral at 7.00pm**

5th March	- St. Mary's High School, 7.30pm
12th March	- St. Patrick's Novena, 5.30pm
19th March	- The Voice of the Irish Concert, 7.00pm
26th March	- St. Joseph's High School, 7.00pm
2nd April	- Our Lady's Grammar School, 7.00pm
9th April	- St. Colman's College Choir will sing Evening Prayer of the Church

On Saturday 1st April the Sacred Heart Grammar School Choir will sing at the Mass at 6.00pm in the Cathedral.

**PLEASE NOTE: NO MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL AT 1.15PM DURING LENT.**

St. Colman's College will sing at the 10.30am Mass in the Cathedral.

**Recruitment for members to the Third Newry Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

Our first parish pastoral council was formed six years ago. During that time a considerable amount of enriching faith development has taken place in our parish thanks to the effort of the members of the Pastoral Council. Information and evidence of the many and varied faith programmes are available to all parishioners through the weekly Parish Bulletin, the Parish Newsletter and the Parish website. The PPC brings together lay people, religious, and our priests to work together in strengthening our parish as a living Christian community. The PPC is the thinking, planning, and reflection group for the parish and it needs the active support of committed parishioners to nurture and be involved in the future work of the parish.

As we come to the end of the second three-year term of office of the PPC it is time, under the PPC Constitution, to recruit new members as some current members have completed two terms in office. Through baptism each of us becomes a members of God's family. As baptised people we are also responsible for the development of our own faith as well as being co-responsible for supporting and developing the faith of our parish community.

In order to explain the role and function of a Parish Pastoral Council and the responsibility of the faith community to contribute to faith development in the parish, each one of you is invited to attend any one of four information meetings being arranged in March and April to find out more about the role and functions of the PPC and the practical ways in which you can support your parish. Details of the dates and location of each information evening will be available in the next few weeks.

**"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms".**  
**(1 Peter 4:10)**

**St. Patrick's Novena**

Patrick is our parish patron Saint and the patron Saint of Ireland and as such we have a special connection to him. St. Patrick's Novena will have a series of promotional events wrapped around it – a Faith Festival. The Novena will run the Cathedral addressing Patrick's spirituality supported by other events recalling St. Patrick's faith and challenges. From February 25th until March 18th there will be music, singing, instruction, pilgrimage and prayer for all ages, reflecting on his critical contribution to Christianity in Ireland.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

Alcoholics Anonymous – Water Street Group AA will hold an Open Meeting on Thursday 2nd March at Water Street (Chapter Rooms behind the Cathedral) at 10.30am. All welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CATHEDRAL DURING LENT**

The Stations of the Cross will be recited after the 10.30am Mass each Friday morning, with the exception of St. Patrick's Day, by one of the Ministers of the Word who read at the weekday Masses. This year, Pope Francis reminds us that 'Lent is a favourable time for deepening our spiritual life'. On March 3, 10, 24, 31 and April 7 you will have the opportunity to join in the recitation of the Stations of the Cross to the words of Pope Francis.

**Lenten Retreat Days in Dromantine.** Dromantine is offering two retreat days during Lent. These will provide an opportunity to reflect and pray in the peaceful environment of Dromantine on important themes of Lent, and to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

**Dates: Saturday 11th March,** led by Fr. Des Corrigan, SMA. **Saturday 1st April,** led by Fr. Aodhán McCrystal, SMA. **Time:** 10.00am – 5.00pm. **Cost:** £25 including lunch, teas/coffee. Bookings to (028) 308 21964 or Email [admin@dromatineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromatineconference.com)

## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

### Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 25 February</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Paddy Murphy, St. Clare's Ave (M.M)</b>   George, Marie, Dan Monica O'Hare, Killeavy Rd James Murphy, Lindsay Hill
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Kieran Torley, Sligo, formerly Church Street   Peggy McArdle, Grinan & Cathal McArdle, Kilkeel   Maura Taylor (nee Evans), McManus Court   Oliver Mynes, Pound Street
<b>Sunday 26 February</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	Rev. James Fitzpatrick
	<b>10.00am</b>	Josephine McAteer, Lower Ballyholland   James & Brigid O'Hare & deceased family Members, Edward Street
	<b>12 noon</b>	Brendan & Anita O'Neill, Magennis Villas   William & Madge Hannigan, 4th Ave, Derrbeg
	<b>5.30pm</b>	Pascal Moore, Cherrywood Grove
<b>Tuesday 28 February</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Elizabeth Galvin, Kenmare
<b>Wednesday 1 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Benefactors of Newry Parish
<b>Friday 3 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Patrick & Ellen Elizabeth Kelly & Peter & Nellie Murphy & Shirley Magowan & Gordon McCrae.
<b>Saturday 4 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Eugene Coffey, Dora Avenue
	<b>6.00pm</b>	The Crossey Family, Daisyhill Gardens   Charles Keenan, Courtney Hill
		Alice & Peter Keenan, Bingian Terrace   Raymond McGovern (Sen), Armagh Road & the Deceased members of the McGovern & Martin Families.
<b>Sunday 5 March</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Bridget, Eddie & Jimmy McLoughlin, First Avenue, Derrybeg

### St. Mary's Anniversaries

<b>Sunday 26 February</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Peter McManus, Carnagh Park
<b>Tuesday 28 February</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Joseph, Kathleen & Paul Murtagh, Priory Crescent   Margaret & Gerry Clarke, Shandon Park
<b>Sunday 5 March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Vera Reid, Windmill Road (M.M), Bobby Reid, Windmill Road   Jim Magee, Windsor Ave Patsy Gallagher, Carlingford Pk   Henry, Ellen, Bridie & Sr. Mary Colette Lambe, Home Ave James Fitzpatrick, O'Neill Avenue   Lilian Murtagh, Derrylecka Sally Keenan, School Road, The Commons

### St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 25 February</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	David & Mary Watson, Killeavy Road   Gerald McGuigan, Slievegullion Road & deceased Family members, Damolly   Sean McEvoy, Killeavy Road   James Morgan, First Avenue, Derrybeg   Donna Keddle, Drumgullion Avenue   John Fearon, Parkhead Crescent
<b>Friday 3 March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Edward Fox, Mountainview Drive
<b>Saturday 4 March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Delia Gallagher, 29 Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg   Brea McMillan, Clanrye Fold

### St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 25 February</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Thomas Byrne
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Arthur Brady   The Trainor Family   Pat Kearns   Joe & Sylvia Crawley
<b>Sunday 26 February</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	James Gallogly
	<b>12.15pm</b>	Benefactors of Church & Priory   Hugh & Elizabeth Mullen & deceased members of the Mullen & Bradley Families   Pat McParland
<b>Monday 27 February</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Bridie Fearon & Fearon & McShane Families
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Stephen & Vera Moley
<b>Tuesday 28 February</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	Thomas Byrne
	<b>11.00am</b>	John Mallon, Tom McEvoy, Leslie Donnelly, Dan Spires   Hughie Carr, Harry Wright, Tom McGuinness & Sean McAleenan   Eugene Fearon   Eiver & Sadie Monaghan
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Brendan Byrne   Sheila Fegan   Phyllis Kimbley
<b>Wednesday 1 March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Gerard Boyle
<b>Saturday 4 March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	May Serridge
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Eileen, Susan & Thomas Mulholland & deceased family members   Connor Hill
		Anna McCann   Rose O'Hare
<b>Sunday 5 March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	James & Nancy Hollywood
	<b>12.15pm</b>	Benefactors of Church & Priory

#### **Recently Baptised – We welcome into our community**

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#### **We Pray for the Repose of the Souls of:**

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 Anne Malone, Ballycastle | Maevis Little, Carlingford Park  
 Marian O'Hare, Greenan Road | Sinead Cox, Cedar Mews, Burren  
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